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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Receipts of slaughter steers at midwest terminals continued to exceed a year ago while marketings of other livestock were below a year earlier. The dull pre-Easter dressed beef and fresh pork loin market proved bearish in the cattle and hog trade and outlet for lamb, which is usually featured during this religious Holiday, failed to fulfill expectations. Price trends were uneven, but as a general rule fed steers and heifers sold steady to 50¢ higher at eastern Corn Belt terminals but steady to 50¢ lower in the western part of the area. Hog prices were mostly 25¢ higher in the east but largely steady in the west. Slaughter lambs sold unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Overall receipts at the 12 markets were little changed from the moderate volume of last week but were 7 percent below the corresponding week last year. However, fed steers continued to make up a rather large percentage of the cattle supply at most points as the run of steers continued above last year. Good to average-Choice steers predominated in receipts at most centers aside from Chicago where 10% of the steers graded Prime, 59% Choice and 27% were Good. Price trends were generally higher early in the week but at some terminals, declines later in the period more than offset the early upturns as outlet narrowed due to the approaching Holiday and the fact that lamb, ham and poultry are featured items around Easter. At other centers, however, there was some advance shown for the week despite generally slow trading. At Kansas City and eastern Corn Belt terminals prices on fed steers and heifers were steady to 50¢ higher except Prime steers weak to mostly 50¢ lower at Chicago due to the nearness of non-slaughtering Jewish holidays. The general trend in the western part of the area was steady to 50¢ lower with Choice offerings and the small volume Prime largely steady at several markets. Cows were strong to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up aside from the steady to 50¢ lower trend at Omaha and St. Joseph. Bulls sold unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Vealer prices advanced \$2.00 at St. Louis National Stock Yards but declined \$1.00 at So. St. Paul.

Choice slaughter steers realized \$26.50-28.50 at most markets and up to \$29.50 at Chicago where high-Choice and Prime steers brought \$29.00-32.50 and some Prime \$32.75-33.50. High-Choice and Prime elsewhere were rather scarce at \$28.50-29.50, package Prime \$30.00 at So. St. Paul and load Prime 1102# high yielding steers from reputation feeder \$33.00 at St. Joseph. Mixed Good and Choice brought \$25.75-26.75; Good \$23.50-26.50; Standard and low-Good mainly \$20.00-23.50. High-Choice and Prime heifers at Chicago brought \$28.00-29.00, 2 loads Prime \$29.50

with most Choice \$26.50-27.75 late, and Good \$23.00-25.50. At other midwest terminals most Choice heifers realized \$25.75-27.50, few high-Choice and Prime \$27.50-27.75; Good and low-Choice \$22.50-25.75. Utility and Commercial cows bulked at \$15.50-18.50, most Cannery and Cutters \$13.00-17.00. Few Choice and Prime vealers at St. Louis National Stock Yards and So. St. Paul \$32.00-33.00, bulk Good and Choice \$25.00-31.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Seasonally moderate receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were little different in volume than the previous week but were somewhat smaller than the same week a year ago when marketings included more cattle off wheatpastures than was the case during the current period. A fairly large percentage of the overall supply consisted of Good and Choice yearling stockers but Choice calves were relatively scarce.

An increasing percent of cattle coming out of feedlots were kinds weighing from 950-1100# and carrying only a moderate amount of finish. Consequently, a good many so-called "two-way" type cattle were offered to feeder buyers, otherwise feeder steers over 800# were seasonally scarce. Apparently many feeders feel the relationship between feeders and Choice slaughter steers together with the current price of abundant feeds is fairly favorable to the profitable feeding of cattle. However, the press of field work and in some areas muddy and generally poor feedlot conditions not only were factors influencing marketings of some shortfeds, but also tended to curtail demand. At the same time, demand for stockers was slowed somewhat by the rather cold, wet early spring which has retarded early development of pastures as well as created transportation problems in getting purchases to farm or pasture. Thus, even though there was a potentially broad demand for both stockers and feeders, weather conditions continued to be a restraining factor and trading generally was only moderately active at steady prices. At Kansas City 400-700# stockers ruled weak to 50¢ lower.

Majority Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from \$24.50-29.00, Choice 580# \$29.50 and few loads Choice 500-550# short yearlings \$30.00-31.75. Choice to Fancy 688# reached \$31.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeders bulked at \$23.50-26.50, few Choice fleshy 775-825# \$26.75-27.00. Medium to low-Good feeders brought \$20.00-24.00. Good and Choice yearling heifers ranged \$22.50-27.00 with weight an important price determining factor.

Good and Choice stock steer calves brought \$26.00-32.85, same grades heifer calves \$24.00-28.60.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog producers in much of the Corn Belt area again were faced with generally unfavorable marketing conditions during the week under review because of high water and muddy roads. Under these situations receipts at the 12 terminals were 8 percent under the previous week and 17 percent fewer than the corresponding week a year ago and also were the smallest for any non-holiday week since 1958. This a major factor in the week's steady to higher price trend despite the bearish influence of dull trading and substantial declines on fresh pork loins. A moderate number of butchers weighing over 250# again were included in the receipts but the bulk of consignments were mixed U. S. No. 1-3 weighing 200-250#. Sows made up 8 to 11 percent at the various markets. Price fluctuations were rather general throughout the area. At most centers prices advanced at the outset of the week, declined at midweek, and then recovered somewhat on the closing session. Compared with the previous week's close, prices barrows and gilts were mostly 25¢ higher at Chicago and Indianapolis, 25-50¢ up at St. Louis National Stock Yards, Kansas City and Sioux Falls, but mostly steady elsewhere, instances 25¢ lower at Omaha and St. Joseph. Sows closed mostly steady, a few markets 25-50¢ higher, while at Chicago sales were steady to 25¢ lower and 25-50¢ off at Omaha.

On closing rounds mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts at western Corn Belt markets realized \$15.50-16.00, large share \$15.75-16.00. Same weights and grades at eastern markets brought \$16.00-16.50 and to \$16.75 at Indianapolis. Selected lots of No. 1, and No. 1-2 brought \$16.00-17.00 but few above \$16.50. Mixed No. 1-3, 300-650# sows sold largely at \$13.50-15.00.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts were around 3 percent larger than the previous week and approximately 8 percent more than the corresponding week last year. Road and lot conditions improved gradually throughout the area and day-to-day supplies were fairly evenly distributed. A price advance at the week's beginning was erased Wednesday and Thursday to make the week's trend on butchers and sows mainly steady to weak.

At the close mixed U. S. No. 1-3 190-240# butchers sold at \$15.05-15.85 with a limited volume No. 1 and 2 selected lots at \$15.90-16.25. Mixed No. 1-3 sows 270-400# brought \$13.50-14.75; 400-550# \$12.25-14.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - The 12-market receipts were 25 percent more than a week earlier but 16 percent less than a year ago. The increased marketings at terminals combined with steady to

lower dressed lamb prices were bearish factors influencing the trade. Slaughter lamb price trends were unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady. Feeder lambs were steady to \$1.00 lower, most decline at Denver and So. St. Paul.

On late rounds, Choice and Prime 81-115# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$21.25-22.50, sparingly to \$23.50 at Chicago. Most Choice 90-117# woolled lambs closed from \$20.50-22.00; Good and Choice \$19.50-21.50. Choice and Prime 91-112# shorn lambs No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, \$20.50-21.50, instances \$22.00. Most Choice 90-117# shorn lambs \$19.75-21.00; Good and Choice \$18.50-20.50. Choice and Prime 82-108# spring slaughter lambs \$22.00-23.50, Prime to \$24.50 at So. St. Paul. Good and Choice spring lambs \$21.50-23.00 at Ft. Worth. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes earned \$3.00-8.50.

Good and Choice 70-95# feeder lambs sold from \$19.00-21.00. Good and Choice 78-95# feeder and shearing lambs \$20.00-21.50 at Omaha. Medium and Good feeders \$16.00-19.50.

In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area, woolled slaughter lambs were 25¢ to fully 50¢ lower for the week; shorn lambs weak to 50¢ lower; slaughter ewes steady. On Friday, Choice and Prime 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$21.50-22.00; mostly Choice 90-105# \$20.50-21.50; Choice 105-115# \$19.50-21.00; Good and low-Choice 90-110# \$19.00-20.50. Choice and Prime 90-100# shorn No. 1 and fall shorn pelt lambs brought \$21.00-21.25 with Prime fall shorn lambs to \$21.50; limited volume Choice and Prime 90-100# shorn No. 2 and 3 pelt lambs \$20.00-21.00. Choice 90-100# shorn No. 1 and fall shorn pelt lambs \$20.00-21.00; Choice No. 2 and 3 pelt lambs \$19.00-20.00; Good and low-Choice with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$19.00-20.00. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes ranged from \$3.00-6.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter cattle slow, steady to 50¢ lower; stocker and feeder cattle and calves active in California, but slow elsewhere, steady to 25¢ higher; lambs unevenly weak to 75¢ lower. Poor feed conditions in So. California influenced increased lamb marketings.

Slaughter steers: In California, 17 loads mostly Choice 950-1050# \$27.70-28.00, 4 loads at \$28.00 for May delivery; over California and Arizona, 242 loads Good to mostly Choice 850-1225# \$25.75-27.50, including loadlots at \$26.75-27.00 for up to June 15 delivery; 9 load string Good 900-1000# at June through early August delivery \$25.00. **Slaughter heifers:** In California, 5 loads Choice 725-850# \$27.00; over California and Arizona, 41 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 775-1000# \$25.50-26.50.

Stockers and feeders: For delivery varying from immediate to June: Good and Choice 350-530# stock steer calves and short yearlings \$28.00-31.00; most Good and Choice yearling steers \$26.00-26.50, heifers \$24.00-26.25.

Lambs: In California and Arizona, few loads Choice and Prime 90-100# spring slaughter lambs \$22.00-23.00; other transactions involving at least 30,000 head Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs mixed with Good and Choice feeders bulked at \$20.50-21.75. In Imperial Valley, 7 loads mostly Choice 112-114# old-crop slaughter lambs with fall shorn pelts \$19.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle active, steers steady, heifers steady to strong, instances 25¢ higher. In Colorado 171 loads Choice 1025-1300# fed steers \$26.25-27.50; 29 loads high-Good to Choice 1175-1250# \$25.00-26.00, bulk \$25.75-26.00; 168 loads Choice 790-1095# fed heifers \$25.75-26.75, mostly \$26.00-26.75, 56 loads high-Good and Choice 900-1025# \$24.75-25.75.

Demand good for stocker and feeder cattle and calves with prices fully steady. **Western Kansas:** 4 loads Good and Choice 820-835# feeder steers \$24.25-25.65; 10 loads mostly Choice 515-625# \$28.00-28.35; 23 loads Good and Choice 510-650# feeder heifers \$24.90-26.00, liberal share \$25.50-26.00; 100 Good and Choice short yearling 515# steers \$30.50; 200 Good and Choice 425# steer calves \$31.00. **Colorado:** 9 loads Good and Choice 500-710# feeder steers \$26.75-28.00; 3 loads Good and Choice 500-675# feeder heifers \$25.00-26.50; 200 Good and Choice 420# steer calves \$31.00. **Wyoming:** Over 400 Good and Choice 450# short yearling steers \$140.00 per head.

Demand poor for fed lambs at steady to weak prices. Choice and Prime 102-112# woolled slaughter lambs \$21.50-22.00, 114-117# \$21.00; same grades 103-114# shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts \$20.00-21.00; 2 loads Good and Choice 86# woolled feeder lambs \$20.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trade slow with prices about steady. Confirmed sales only 32 loads fed steers and 1,850 stockers and feeders. About 27 loads Good and low-Choice 925-1100# fed steers \$24.50-26.00, 5 loads mostly Choice 1300-1500# \$24.25; 1,400 Good and Choice 500-600# stock steers \$25.00-27.50 through

May delivery; 450 Choice 700-725# fed steers October delivery \$24.00-24.50. 2 million pounds wool sold in past 10 bulk Medium to mostly fine ewes wool 37-5/8-55-3/8¢ and lambs wool 46-1/8- per grease pound, f.o.b. warehouse.

Amarillo area - Confirmed sales loads fed steers and 12 loads fed heifers strong to 50¢ higher. Over 12,000 stockers and feeders sold strong, instances \$1 higher on Choice calves. Two loads high-Choice 1197# fed steers \$27.00, 55 loads high-Good to average-Choice 1050-1165# \$25.25-26.75, 3 loads Standard and low-Good 1175# \$22.25; 12 loads Good and Choice 825-1000# fed heifers \$24.00-26.00. and Choice stocker and feeder steers 28.50, few Medium and Good \$23.80-25.00. Good and Choice heifers \$24.00-26.00; grades stock calves \$27.00-34.00 on steers and \$25.00-30.00 on heifers; 750 Good feeder steers to weigh 750# fall delivery \$23.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Fed cattle steers fully steady; heifers fully steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher; stocker and feeder steers and stock calves steady, heifers steady to 50¢ higher; slaughter lambs to 75¢ lower. Mostly Choice 1000-1250# steers \$26.00-27.50, Choice 850-960# \$25.00-25.50, 2 loads 825-850# in Washington \$26.00; mixed Good and Choice 850-945# \$24.00-24.50.

Washington - Good and Choice 600# yearling stock steers \$27.00 with 450# heifers \$26.00; Good and Choice 400-450# stock calves \$28.00 on heifers, \$30.00 on steers. **Oregon** - Good and Choice 800# feeder steers \$24.00 for July-October delivery and Choice 525# short yearling heifers \$25.00.

Slaughter lambs: Minidoka, Idaho pool of 607 Choice and Prime spring lambs \$21.90. **Oregon** - 900 Choice and Prime crop lambs with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts delivered Washington and 1,350 No. 2 pelt lambs \$19.25 delivered Portland.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WEST DAKOTAS - Trading was slow on fed cattle stockers and feeders with prices steady. Good and Choice 430-510# stock calves Montana and Wyoming, steers \$27.50-28.00, heifers \$25.50-27.00; 860 Good and low-Choice stock cows \$187.00-225.00 per head in Montana. At Three Forks, Montana, 1,200 mostly Choice 500-660# stock steers \$27.50-30.10, around 700 480# heifer after replacement selection averaged \$27.50. For fall delivery in western Montana, Good and Choice yearling steers \$23.00-23.50, 380 heifers \$21.00. Prices on sheep were steady. About 14,500 head Good and Choice in Idaho and Montana \$16.50-17.00 for fall delivery.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	32,816	35,641	204	355	32,040	43,278	4,948	6,677
Cincinnati	3,309	2,537	723	692	11,923	11,681	494	408
Denver	9,275	11,569	269	1,491	5,794	3,463	25,483	29,320
Fort Worth	4,417	8,377	1,316	2,147	3,048	3,273	22,512	17,482
Indianapolis	6,084	6,527	648	496	34,648	36,219	1,264	564
Kansas City	21,755	18,885	1,463	626	10,195	15,804	5,634	12,624
Oklahoma City	7,430	8,194	1,245	367	4,552	3,273	2,713	2,505
Omaha	33,949	40,252	158	834	40,096	41,931	10,943	18,642
St. Joseph	16,451	14,988	558	466	16,737	27,272	4,077	6,741
St. Louis NSY	14,879	13,588	1,651	1,937	53,825	63,637	2,772	3,757
Sioux City	24,232	29,253	250	482	28,601	33,954	3,626	4,612
S. St. Paul	21,258	20,934	5,848	6,388	41,795	55,534	7,001	4,964
Total	195,855	210,745	14,333	16,281	283,254	339,319	91,467	108,296
April 2, 1960	195,312		16,445		309,483		73,178	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Apr. 9, 1960	Apr. 2, 1960	Apr. 11, 1959
Hogs	346,000	337,000	321,000
Sheep	25,300	22,200	24,800

RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

MONTH OF MARCH

Market	Cattle				Calves			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	179,258	182,676	188,090	192,151	971	1,430	971	1,437
Cincinnati	15,484	13,299	19,097	15,784	3,095	2,971	3,098	3,094
Denver	44,683	43,984	61,069	54,876	3,851	1,343	7,727	5,985
Fort Worth	25,860	25,378	34,440	33,428	8,177	6,691	11,739	9,211
Indianapolis ..	28,027	26,651	28,027	26,978	2,396	1,729	2,396	1,729
Kansas City ...	80,986	80,365	111,839	129,299	3,675	3,457	8,040	9,902
Oklahoma City .	38,343	55,456	40,715	59,365	3,651	2,247	3,712	2,274
Omaha	147,681	165,739	154,363	172,692	1,813	3,511	1,866	3,628
St. Joseph	67,026	64,807	70,669	66,755	2,423	2,708	2,464	2,747
St. Louis NSY .	64,200	62,554	66,209	65,936	8,776	7,736	9,280	7,954
Sioux City	119,730	135,167	122,651	141,449	2,497	2,491	2,593	3,367
S. St. Paul ...	92,693	83,275	101,337	87,603	30,810	28,847	33,058	30,933
Total	903,971	939,351	998,506	1,046,316	72,135	65,161	86,944	82,261
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Market	Hogs				Sheep and Lambs			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	144,032	181,660	151,269	227,693	23,402	39,025	28,070	43,247
Cincinnati	57,713	54,977	72,753	63,227	2,520	3,355	2,543	3,679
Denver	24,255	11,684	60,816	43,055	112,664	117,140	149,719	161,049
Fort Worth	13,726	12,451	36,148	50,646	52,899	81,736	85,497	103,630
Indianapolis ..	157,438	170,166	158,575	170,609	5,708	7,700	5,708	8,874
Kansas City ...	74,152	65,630	89,282	71,621	30,036	41,391	71,456	85,112
Oklahoma City .	19,426	17,920	41,950	38,129	8,196	14,096	8,196	14,096
Omaha	179,933	178,961	283,808	288,353	50,023	73,486	65,657	86,143
St. Joseph	105,156	108,029	155,504	133,246	23,253	22,228	44,375	55,577
St. Louis NSY .	298,214	272,972	302,451	300,935	14,457	20,043	19,700	28,451
Sioux City	154,077	164,572	176,805	192,688	33,798	34,534	41,154	39,386
S. St. Paul ...	229,022	239,586	274,521	263,930	42,155	32,845	65,808	53,030
Total	1,457,144	1,478,608	1,803,882	1,844,132	399,111	487,579	587,883	682,274

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Hogs	Sheep
March 1960	1,625,000	109,800
March 1959	1,536,500	102,700

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 7 1960	Apr. 9 1959	Apr. 7 1960	Apr. 9 1959	Apr. 7 1960	Apr. 9 1959	Apr. 7 1960	Apr. 9 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,404	1,085	9.6	4.6	1,254	1,246	31.02	34.97
Choice.....	14,742	10,053	59.1	42.3	1,195	1,210	27.99	30.14
Good.....	6,748	10,572	27.1	44.5	1,091	1,110	25.76	27.77
Standard.....	847	1,753	3.4	7.4	1,021	1,009	22.65	25.86
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	203	280	.8	1.2	1,004	1,075	20.36	23.78
All grades.....	24,944	23,743			1,165	1,151	27.53	29.01
OMAHA								
Prime.....	49	46	.3	.3	1,205	1,178	28.83	33.81
Choice.....	4,998	6,414	29.1	36.3	1,183	1,194	27.27	28.68
Good.....	10,758	10,080	62.6	57.1	1,090	1,110	25.42	26.88
Standard.....	801	977	4.6	5.5	1,027	1,067	21.58	24.11
Utility.....	584	144	3.4	.8	1,042	941	19.47	22.47
All grades.....	17,190	17,661			1,113	1,137	25.65	27.41
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	61	24	.5	.2	1,249	1,252	29.85	31.75
Choice.....	4,667	4,557	37.9	36.3	1,171	1,189	27.27	28.46
Good.....	6,822	7,359	55.4	58.7	1,100	1,128	25.63	26.94
Standard.....	591	453	4.8	3.6	1,064	1,079	22.36	23.97
Utility.....	172	146	1.4	1.2	1,066	1,055	19.09	22.83
All grades.....	12,313	12,539			1,125	1,148	26.07	27.38
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,343	1,971	40.1	37.6	1,137	1,130	26.97	28.42
Good.....	2,591	2,424	44.4	46.3	1,104	1,100	25.48	27.07
Standard.....	801	741	13.7	14.1	1,037	1,077	23.22	24.72
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	107	102	1.8	2.0	1,064	1,037	19.74	22.62
All grades.....	5,842	5,238			1,107	1,107	25.70	27.19
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	155	981	2.8	23.3	1,125	1,110	27.97	28.17
Good.....	3,869	2,358	70.3	55.8	1,038	1,041	25.51	26.79
Standard.....	1,039	660	18.9	15.6	975	1,065	22.96	25.00
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	440	226	8.0	5.3	922	950	20.58	23.19
All grades.....	5,503	4,225			1,019	1,056	24.77	26.67
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	21	11	.3	.1	1,100	1,170	32.72	31.00
Choice.....	2,729	2,320	35.9	30.6	1,130	1,160	27.18	28.39
Good.....	4,216	4,542	55.5	59.8	1,059	1,095	25.11	26.52
Standard.....	548	649	7.2	8.6	1,023	1,039	21.26	23.81
Utility.....	81	67	1.1	.9	999	939	18.86	22.38
All grades.....	7,595	7,589			1,081	1,109	25.58	26.88
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,954	1,667	59.8	42.5	1,189	1,204	26.70	28.05
Good.....	1,143	2,132	35.0	54.4	1,095	1,123	25.29	26.87
Standard.....	110	121	3.4	3.1	1,168	1,093	20.71	23.02
Utility.....	58	--	1.8	--	873	--	18.20	--
All grades.....	3,265	3,920			1,150	1,156	25.91	27.28

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	11,089	5,612	8.6	5.2	1,268	1,260	31.06	32.31
Choice.....	67,824	59,398	52.5	47.0	1,208	1,211	28.08	29.11
Good.....	43,585	49,154	33.8	38.9	1,105	1,130	25.91	27.15
Standard.....	5,634	9,590	4.4	7.6	1,024	1,046	22.72	25.27
Commercial.....	27	48	--	.1	1,390	1,343	21.56	24.26
Utility.....	971	1,486	.7	1.2	1,031	1,043	19.65	22.93
All grades.....	129,130	126,288			1,169	1,168	27.40	28.22
OMAHA								
Prime.....	554	329	.8	.4	1,212	1,197	28.46	30.36
Choice.....	24,972	24,914	33.1	31.7	1,203	1,205	26.94	27.65
Good.....	45,150	49,553	59.9	63.0	1,100	1,124	25.14	26.07
Standard.....	3,645	2,989	4.8	3.8	1,067	1,100	20.72	23.34
Utility.....	1,081	866	1.4	1.1	1,013	1,042	18.87	21.83
All grades.....	75,402	78,651			1,132	1,148	25.52	26.47
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	714	366	1.3	.7	1,226	1,264	29.39	29.93
Choice.....	18,970	17,882	34.1	34.1	1,181	1,183	27.09	27.65
Good.....	32,960	31,228	59.3	59.5	1,112	1,142	25.51	26.12
Standard.....	2,317	2,100	4.2	4.0	1,075	1,097	21.35	23.90
Utility.....	628	908	1.1	1.7	1,001	1,096	19.28	22.19
All grades.....	55,589	52,484			1,134	1,154	25.90	26.53
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	39	22	.1	.1	1,165	1,349	28.60	31.00
Choice.....	12,277	5,683	43.2	22.0	1,122	1,198	26.29	27.92
Good.....	10,014	16,615	35.2	64.5	1,084	1,105	24.82	26.46
Standard.....	4,916	2,927	17.3	11.4	1,036	1,062	22.60	24.38
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	1,206	517	4.2	2.0	999	1,023	18.68	22.18
All grades.....	28,452	25,764			1,088	1,119	24.87	26.51
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	16	--	--	--	1,109	--	29.50
Choice.....	2,111	4,172	8.0	17.4	1,075	1,114	27.16	27.75
Good.....	16,216	14,460	61.2	60.1	1,028	1,068	25.44	26.21
Standard.....	7,023	4,620	26.5	19.2	982	1,004	22.81	24.50
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	1,153	781	4.3	3.3	910	916	19.87	22.23
All grades.....	26,503	24,049			1,015	1,059	24.69	26.07
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	20	--	.1	--	1,070	--	31.00
Choice.....	12,123	8,014	36.3	25.8	1,129	1,159	26.73	27.50
Good.....	19,109	20,704	57.3	66.8	1,070	1,097	24.93	25.99
Standard.....	2,042	2,044	6.1	6.6	1,041	1,050	20.96	23.51
Utility.....	86	228	.3	.7	980	943	18.74	21.79
All grades.....	33,360	31,010			1,090	1,109	25.36	26.22
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	7,793	6,786	57.7	46.9	1,194	1,202	26.38	27.43
Good.....	5,150	7,617	38.1	52.6	1,098	1,143	25.11	26.39
Standard.....	494	77	3.7	.5	1,061	1,027	20.10	21.75
Utility.....	73	--	.5	--	889	--	17.52	--
All grades.....	13,510	14,480			1,151	1,170	25.67	26.87

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
			by grades		Month			
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Prime	12,396	7,365	3.4	2.1	1,263	1,257	30.85	32.10
Choice	146,070	126,849	40.4	36.0	1,187	1,199	27.40	28.34
Good	172,184	189,331	47.6	53.6	1,093	1,120	25.39	26.41
Standard	26,071	24,347	7.2	6.9	1,028	1,052	22.11	24.49
Commercial . . .	27	48	--	--	1,391	1,343	21.56	24.26
Utility	5,198	4,786	1.4	1.4	986	1,025	19.21	22.35
All grades . . .	361,946	352,726			1,130	1,145	26.16	27.09

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
			by grades		Month			
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Prime	934	710	.8	.5	1,029	1,009	28.25	28.95
Choice	45,584	45,316	36.2	34.6	954	967	26.47	27.12
Good	65,643	71,841	52.2	54.9	897	916	24.42	25.53
Standard	11,964	10,932	9.5	8.4	855	872	21.39	23.40
Commercial . . .	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility	1,651	2,132	1.3	1.6	879	893	18.43	21.24
All grades . . .	125,776	130,931			914	930	24.88	25.89

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT 5 SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/

STEERS

Markets	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average prices in dollars per 100 lb.	
			Month			
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Cincinnati	4,455	4,430	1,052	1,021	25.18	25.91
Indianapolis	12,749	13,966	1,054	1,004	25.36	26.49
Fort Worth	2,476	2,869	959	948	24.13	25.95
Oklahoma City	3,724	3,033	1,054	1,085	24.27	25.77
Sioux Falls	9,561	8,857	1,145	1,168	25.11	26.36

HEIFERS

Cincinnati	3,075	3,207	760	757	24.33	25.82
Indianapolis	2,657	2,500	843	805	24.70	25.86
Fort Worth	1,794	1,419	650	651	24.62	26.64
Oklahoma City	1,792	1,528	817	835	24.40	25.67
Sioux Falls	7,342	5,669	957	972	23.93	24.83

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Division, A.M.S.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Three months	
	Apr. 7	Mar. 31	Apr. 9	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.-	Mar.
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steers - 1001# up	925	435	772	3,135	5,613	8,464	16,183
901-1000	2,029	1,993	3,404	10,979	10,498	27,320	30,441
801-900	3,306	2,726	3,498	14,886	15,457	42,249	42,906
701-800	3,666	3,616	4,974	15,160	19,712	49,907	50,050
501-700	10,979	8,715	13,499	40,885	53,726	109,582	119,989
Total steers 10 markets	20,905	17,485	26,147	85,045	105,006	237,522	259,569
Av. wts. " " "	720#	717#	719#	730#	721#	730#	735#
Av. cost* " " "	\$25.20	\$25.02	\$28.22	\$24.90	\$27.64	\$24.20	\$27.26
" " " Chicago	25.04	25.19	27.36	25.01	26.09	24.05	26.15
" " " Kansas City	25.03	25.54	28.17	25.14	27.78	24.09	26.70
" " " Omaha	25.05	24.82	29.16	24.27	28.60	23.98	27.67
" " " S. St. Paul	25.13	24.43	26.89	24.63	24.81	23.02	24.80
" " " Sioux City	26.13	25.75	29.92	25.99	29.60	25.51	29.25
" " " Denver	26.68	25.19	27.44	25.14	26.21	24.81	28.29
" " " Ft. Worth	24.96	23.90	26.87	24.44	27.67	23.69	27.40
" " " Oklahoma City	24.37	24.23	26.17	23.91	26.64	23.25	26.45
" " " S. St. Joseph	24.16	25.34	28.14	24.51	27.21	23.83	26.73
" " " St. Louis NSY	24.49	24.35	25.82	24.51	25.75	23.42	25.66
Total calves - 10 markets	10,052	6,759	7,513	28,342	30,371	114,314	115,703
" heifers " "	4,068	2,488	5,837	13,078	18,700	34,597	46,245
" cows " "	386	550	755	3,517	3,069	9,032	10,353

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Apr. 8, 1960	3	49	12	16	6	24	5	8	12	65	69	52	45
Apr. 1, 1960	3	38	8	16	6	19	5	10	25	65	75	48	45
Apr. 10, 1959	2	45	19	20	7	35	3	4	12	50	75	54	40
Slaughter cows													
Apr. 8, 1960	6	9	8	7	10	3	20	8	15	20	10	18	18
Apr. 1, 1960	6	11	8	6	10	4	25	10	10	20	8	14	15
Apr. 10, 1959	6	7	8	5	9	5	23	10	10	15	9	18	30

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	12,299	10,458	10,909	9,935	47,520	50,658	39,396	37,502
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,356	7,292	2,076	765	23,367	31,870	5,356	2,756
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	16,846	16,376	3,316	4,778	133,270	122,320	10,070	13,486
Chicago Area.....	15,652	19,752	6,110	6,410	35,967	54,624	4,439	4,353
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	27,465	26,342	21,667	22,644	106,416	117,196	11,039	9,298
St. Louis Area.....	10,517	10,166	1,215	1,688	78,441	93,779	4,200	4,347
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	18,352	18,036	--	--	84,271	81,570	14,782	13,153
Omaha Area.....	30,577	31,437	103	180	78,321	81,887	10,431	14,790
Kansas City.....	11,987	10,248	--	--	33,277	31,419	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	28,227	28,490	9,670	8,881	268,286	250,179	29,082	26,803
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's....	5,675	5,895	3,952	4,133	63,505	64,088	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	6,652	5,290	2,363	1,790	33,929	21,430	--	--
St. Jo'ph, Wichita, Okla. City.	18,614	15,919	1,258	893	42,456	45,280	7,538	9,233
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	9,034	9,275	3,050	4,216	19,585	22,155	24,998	17,866
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	19,873	18,305	268	294	17,139	14,056	31,270	34,558
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	24,012	17,949	1,734	2,074	25,006	28,806	35,178	26,111
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,190	6,079	236	210	13,607	13,277	4,234	3,629
Total.....	271,328	257,309	67,927	68,891	1,104,363	1,124,594	232,013	217,885
Accumulation to date.....	4,118,431		979,262		17,384,159		3,367,627	
		3,706,215		972,225		16,847,079		3,363,258

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	meat prod.	lard prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 9, 1960.....	330	197.3	100	10.9	1,265	175.3	255	12.8	396.3	--
Apr. 2, 1960.....	340	203.3	101	10.9	1,360	186.0	245	12.2	412.4	--
Mar. 26, 1960 1/.....	356	--	122	--	1,400	--	232	--	--	44.0
Apr. 11, 1959 1/.....	314	190.7	98	10.8	1,279	175.5	242	12.3	389.3	44.1
Percentage change from:										
Apr. 2, 1960.....	-3	-3	-1	0	-7	-6	4	5	-4	
Apr. 11, 1959.....	5	3	2	1	-1	0	5	4	2	--
=====										
Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard	
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and lambs		yield	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.	
Apr. 9, 1960.....	1040	598	195	109	241	139	105	50	--	
Apr. 2, 1960.....	1040	598	192	108	238	137	105	50	--	
Mar. 26, 1960.....	1035	595	190	107	238	137	105	50	--	
Apr. 11, 1959.....	1053	607	197	110	239	137	106	51	14.4	

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	30.50	33.70	--	--	29.78	33.25	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	31.25	34.88	--	--	29.68	33.25	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	28.20	31.12	27.70	29.38	27.80	29.90	26.52	28.14	27.62	28.41
1100-1300	28.35	31.40	27.70	29.38	27.68	29.90	26.52	28.14	27.12	28.38
Good 900-1100	25.32	27.88	25.50	27.08	24.60	26.65	23.65	25.88	25.75	27.31
Standard - All wts.	22.50	25.45	22.35	24.50	21.30	24.00	20.25	22.55	23.12	25.91
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	27.32	--	26.98	28.38	27.25	27.90	26.02	27.25	--	--
Good** 600-800	--	26.60	24.85	26.05	24.00	25.48	22.78	24.88	25.00	26.50
Standard - All wts.	21.50	24.35	21.45	23.40	20.38	23.00	19.00	21.45	22.25	25.00
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	17.75	21.02	18.00	21.18	17.98	20.58	18.88	20.70	18.00	20.75
Utility	17.12	19.98	16.50	19.68	16.52	19.10	17.25	19.35	16.50	19.25
Cutter	16.22)		15.35)		14.98)		15.25)		14.00)	
Canner	14.45)	18.30	13.25)	17.60	13.60)	16.95	14.00)	17.10	11.75)	16.00
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	20.50	25.08	19.25	22.12	18.85	22.62	--	22.25	20.50	--
Utility	20.00	23.68	19.25	21.62	18.60	21.38	20.00	22.50	21.00	24.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	25.60	29.50	--	--	--	--	29.00	--
Good	--	--	23.05	27.50	--	--	--	--	26.50	28.25
Standard	--	--	20.85	25.00	--	--	--	--	24.00	25.75
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	32.30	--	28.20	33.00	27.00	32.30	--	--	31.50	33.88
Good	29.50	33.00	25.70	31.00	24.50	29.50	--	--	30.00	31.25
Standard	24.10	29.30	22.60	28.00	21.00	26.50	--	--	26.00	26.88
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	29.00	32.50	29.00	31.75	28.75	32.02	27.75	30.75	25.75	28.75
Good 500-800	26.25	29.50	25.75	29.25	25.12	27.72	25.00	28.50	23.50	27.00
Medium 500-1000	22.75	26.50	21.75	26.00	21.25	24.65	21.50	24.00	20.50	24.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	25.55	28.75	25.00	28.85	25.50	28.75	23.50	27.25
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	21.80	25.25	21.75	24.50	22.00	25.25	20.50	24.25
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	18.25	20.25	14.88	19.20	--	19.50	15.25	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	30.30	35.75	30.50	35.75	31.00	37.00	28.00	31.50
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	26.80	32.00	27.00	32.45	28.00	34.62	25.50	29.50

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.

** " " 700-900# " "

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago	Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland		
Classification		Mar. 1960	Mar. 1959	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1959	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1959	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1959	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1959
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	30.53	32.01	--	--	29.50	31.01	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	31.33	32.64	--	--	29.38	30.98	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	28.46	29.85	27.06	28.92	27.75	28.83	26.49	27.47	27.40	27.88
	1100-1300	28.49	29.82	27.00	28.74	27.64	28.64	26.48	27.31	27.06	27.60
Good	900-1100	25.28	27.00	24.86	26.52	24.51	25.84	23.59	25.08	25.70	26.94
Standard - All wts.		22.24	24.82	21.85	24.09	20.97	23.46	19.90	21.50	22.85	25.19
Heifers -											
Choice*	700-900#	27.24	27.88	26.31	28.06	26.82	27.42	25.90	26.77	26.00	--
Good**	600-800	--	25.84	24.24	26.00	23.89	24.72	22.80	24.46	24.45	25.90
Standard - All wts.		21.34	23.49	21.35	23.53	20.15	22.29	19.13	21.25	21.80	24.34
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		17.76	20.14	17.83	20.24	17.70	19.54	18.45	20.51	18.32	20.62
Utility		17.07	19.08	16.60	18.88	16.47	18.44	17.17	19.36	16.87	18.88
Cutter		16.17)		15.32)		15.15)		15.64)		14.50)	
Canner		14.50)	17.68	13.72)	16.65	14.04)	16.66	14.48)	17.26	12.26)	16.12
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		21.92	24.59	20.16	22.00	20.22	22.29	--	22.67	21.12	22.75
Utility		21.25	23.28	19.92	21.38	19.95	20.92	20.39	22.98	21.81	24.08
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	26.38	27.70	--	--	--	--	29.10	--
Good		--	--	23.91	25.99	--	--	--	--	26.25	27.56
Standard		--	--	21.42	23.66	--	--	--	--	23.30	25.19
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		32.88	--	29.00	32.28	26.92	31.62	--	--	32.30	34.50
Good		30.92	32.85	26.00	30.30	24.44	28.75	--	--	29.80	31.69
Standard		26.46	28.85	22.80	26.92	20.98	26.12	--	--	25.60	27.50
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	28.90	31.44	28.61	31.15	28.26	31.40	27.20	30.24	26.35	28.75
Good	500-800	26.18	28.32	25.37	28.34	25.01	27.12	24.70	27.54	23.50	26.75
Medium	500-1000	22.91	25.48	21.65	25.32	21.13	24.05	21.40	23.88	20.50	23.75
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	25.25	28.25	24.90	28.23	24.99	26.79	23.60	27.25
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	21.60	24.88	21.70	24.20	21.90	24.00	20.50	24.25
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	17.64	19.50	15.14	18.81	16.66	18.85	15.31	--
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	30.44	34.31	30.40	35.12	30.70	35.81	28.00	31.62
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	27.15	31.50	27.00	32.56	28.18	32.75	25.50	29.12
**Weight range 600-800# in 1959.											
** " " 700-900# " "											

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Iowa and So. Minnesota	Stock Yards	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Classification	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
Barrows and gilts -										
U. S. No. 1 & 2	16.24	16.35	16.54	16.88	15.65	16.75	16.62	16.91	16.08	16.68
180-200#	16.64	16.75	16.56	16.88	16.48	16.98	16.65	16.94	16.62	16.78
200-220	16.51	16.62	16.57	16.75	16.44	16.98	16.53	16.72	16.59	16.71
220-240										
U. S. No. 2 & 3	16.30	16.51	16.24	16.42	15.95	16.18	16.22	16.46	15.94	15.98
200-220	16.23	16.38	16.23	16.30	15.95	16.22	16.12	16.44	15.98	15.98
220-240	16.03	16.14	15.92	15.88	15.78	15.85	15.85	16.10	15.80	15.66
240-270										
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	15.96	16.23	15.37	16.31	16.65	16.05	16.28	16.64	15.65	16.22
180-200	16.43	16.67	15.75	15.87	16.15	16.45	16.39	16.66	16.15	16.38
200-220	16.41	16.56	15.64	15.69	16.31	16.45	16.32	16.62	16.20	16.38
220-240	16.20	16.31	15.28	15.43	16.08	15.95	16.22	15.98	15.92	15.95
240-270										
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3										
270-330	14.40	14.05	14.77	14.66	14.70	14.65	15.18	14.62	14.75	14.45
330-400	13.85	13.22	13.52	13.16	14.18	13.50	14.42	13.40	13.90	13.38
400-550										
South										
St. Paul										
Sioux City										
Sioux Falls										
Cincinnati										
Fort Worth										
Thomasville										
Baltimore										
North										
Portland										
Classification										
Barrows and gilts -										
U. S. No. 1 & 2	16.00	16.60	15.98	16.68		16.24	16.84		15.38	16.35
180-200#	16.38	16.60	16.40	16.72	16.28	16.48	16.42	16.86	15.38	16.35
200-220	16.38	16.60	16.38	16.62	16.28	16.34	16.11	16.58	15.38	16.35
220-240										
U. S. No. 2 & 3	16.00	15.80	16.20	16.46	15.98	16.25	16.33	16.76	14.82	15.80
200-220	15.98	15.68	16.14	16.45	15.95	16.22	16.08	16.51	14.82	15.80
220-240	15.80	15.55	15.88	15.88	15.70	15.89	15.58	15.90	14.28	15.18
240-270										
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	15.65	15.82	15.91	16.47		16.20	16.76		14.88	15.90
180-200	16.00	15.95	16.21	16.48	16.18	16.36	16.33	16.76	14.88	15.90
200-220	15.98	15.82	16.18	16.45	16.18	16.30	16.08	16.51	14.88	15.90
220-240	15.88		15.98	15.98	15.78	15.90	15.58	15.90		
240-270										
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3	14.78	15.02		14.82	14.92	14.55	14.25	14.25	11.62	13.02
270-330	14.72	14.30	14.80	14.35	14.75	14.30	13.95	13.80	11.12	12.65
330-400	14.48	13.38	14.30	13.52	14.28	13.42	13.48	13.18	10.62	11.65
400-550										
Feeder pigs - All wts	14.70	15.05		16.82			13.75	15.64		
Good and Choice										

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended	Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST - Dollars per 100 pounds									
Barrows Apr. 9, 1960	16.15	16.15	16.18	15.96	15.84	16.03	15.81	16.25	16.04
and Apr. 2, 1960	16.08	16.06	16.02	15.97	15.80	16.01	15.83	16.33	16.01
gilts Apr. 11, 1959	16.30	16.26	15.95	16.06	15.96	16.12	15.73	16.42	16.11
Sows Apr. 9, 1960	13.89	14.23	14.53	14.54	14.37	14.55	14.35	13.87	14.24
Apr. 2, 1960	13.97	14.42	14.35	14.65	14.45	14.46	14.60	14.00	14.35
Apr. 11, 1959	13.49	13.70	13.96	13.60	13.73	13.96	13.73	13.50	13.66
AVERAGE WEIGHT - Pounds									
Barrows Apr. 9, 1960	237	217	228	238	240	227	235	226	230
and Apr. 2, 1960	236	216	229	239	243	226	236	225	230
gilts Apr. 11, 1959	234	221	232	238	238	229	236	225	231
Sows Apr. 9, 1960	455	397	426	422	423	405	418	447	424
Apr. 2, 1960	457	396	433	421	424	377	424	442	422
Apr. 11, 1959	429	416	404	418	420	407	409	446	420
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows Apr. 9, 1960	25366	46787	8763	33149	25206	14863	32626	28828	215588
and Apr. 2, 1960	24740	54927	16790	29241	24742	20352	39279	29146	239217
gilts Apr. 11, 1959	35347	58773	14561	34666	30173	24369	42595	31695	272179
Sows Apr. 9, 1960	3007	4658	901	4168	2198	1336	2905	3515	22688
Apr. 2, 1960	3191	5075	1118	3331	2074	1153	3122	3179	22243
Apr. 11, 1959	4035	4139	782	4891	2731	1661	4931	2545	25715
SOWS Percentage of total									
Apr. 9, 1960	11	9	9	11	8	8	8	11	10
Apr. 2, 1960	11	8	6	10	8	5	7	10	9
Apr. 11, 1959	10	7	5	12	8	6	10	7	9

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 9, 1960	\$18.16	\$16.43	\$1.73
Apr. 2, 1960	18.39	16.39	2.00
Apr. 11, 1959	18.36	16.67	1.69

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 9, 1960	16.15	119.2	13.5
Apr. 2, 1960	16.08	117.5	13.7
Apr. 11, 1959	16.30	128.7	12.7

1/ Simple average price.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

MONTH		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 1960	15.54	15.43	15.54	15.59	15.54	15.56	15.57	15.70	15.55
	Feb. 1960	13.53	13.56	13.67	13.62	13.55	13.70	13.31	13.76	13.56
	Mar. 1959	16.12	15.96	15.95	15.81	15.75	15.94	15.51	16.19	15.89
Sows	Mar. 1960	13.52	13.84	14.10	14.12	14.12	13.93	14.22	13.55	13.91
	Feb. 1960	11.36	11.80	11.90	11.96	11.89	12.01	11.62	11.44	11.72
	Mar. 1959	13.61	13.87	13.98	13.82	13.67	14.10	13.41	13.56	13.70
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 1960	234	217	226	237	241	224	233	224	229
	Feb. 1960	232	216	226	237	240	223	229	223	228
	Mar. 1959	232	220	228	237	241	227	232	223	229
Sows	Mar. 1960	450	393	422	426	431	393	418	437	422
	Feb. 1960	451	402	427	434	440	394	421	430	426
	Mar. 1959	431	416	427	422	430	396	410	426	420
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 1960	112709	263246	67152	153052	134303	94212	179771	135333	1139778
	Feb. 1960	119101	237230	61004	164259	137653	93844	202255	139119	1154465
	Mar. 1959	147214	256547	60572	152465	144237	95238	188962	151033	1196268
Sows	Mar. 1960	12340	17972	3986	15934	10258	5607	13814	12956	92867
	Feb. 1960	12987	16100	3266	16718	9519	5718	10929	11021	86258
	Mar. 1959	14753	17045	3475	17484	11783	5614	16507	8866	95527
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Mar. 1960	10	6	6	9	7	6	7	9
		Feb. 1960	10	6	5	9	6	6	5	7
		Mar. 1959	9	6	5	10	8	6	8	6

^{1/} Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

MONTH	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Mar. 1960	\$17.64	\$15.78	\$1.86
Feb. 1960	15.75	13.95	1.80
Mar. 1959	17.96	16.44	1.52

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

MONTH	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Mar. 1960	15.54	^{1/} 114.9	13.5
Feb. 1960	13.53	^{2/} 110.9	12.2
Mar. 1959	16.12	^{2/} 120.7	13.4

^{1/} Simple average. ^{2/} Weighted average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Slowness generally prevailed on fresh meats under rather poor demand. Lower prices and sellers' willingness to trade failed to stimulate movement, and it was evident that current purchases by most outlets were mainly fill-ins necessary to maintain minimum inventory of red meats. Beef ribs, chucks and loins were leaders in the beef division, with hinds and carcass movement mostly slow. Narrow outlet for veal and calf during the previous week extended into the current business period. Lamb sold moderately active but the pre-Easter demand fell short of expectations. Pork loins moved slowly in comparison to fairly active trading for other fresh pork cuts, although movement of loins picked up late at Washington and New York. Fairly good clearance was in view for bulk of fresh meats at most markets except beef hind-quarters and a small volume of veal carcasses at New York and Washington, and some pork loins unsold at the latter market. Inshipments were slightly cut-back for the week at Eastern Seaboard markets, but carry-over from the previous week at Washington and New York raised total available volume to fully normal, and cleanup of such product posed a problem.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef mostly steady, instances weak at Baltimore and New York, and spots 50¢ higher at Philadelphia; cow beef steady to \$2.00 lower, bulk 50¢-\$2.00 off; veal and calf mostly \$1.00-3.00 lower; lamb steady to \$2.00 lower, with downturns mainly at Philadelphia. Declines ranging from \$1.00-5.00 were recorded on pork loins, very limited early sales on a steady basis, and bulk at the close off \$2.00-5.00. Other pork cuts sold steady to \$2.00 higher. Prices were mostly firm to 50¢ higher on Choice and Prime kosher steer fore-quarters. Quotations on kosher veal, calf and lamb were unchanged.

CHICAGO - Fresh meat supplies were generally moderate. Good and Choice representing the bulk in the beef division with a slight increase in the volume of Prime beef. Lamb ran mainly to carcasses weighing 55-70#. Carcass beef trading was slow. While beef ribs and loins were in good demand and worked higher, arm and squarecut chucks were slow and followed a lower trend. Veal was slow under a narrow demand and declined for the second straight week, most decline on Choice and Prime. Lamb hindsaddles and ribs cleared into most channels, while stews and shoulders

were draggy. Rather limited activity on lamb carcasses as most interests bought primal cuts. Fresh pork trade slow throughout, loins declining to their lowest level since early February this year.

Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef \$1.00-1.50 higher; veal \$1.00 to mostly \$2.00 lower; pork loins 8-16# \$1.00-4.00 lower; Boston butts 4-8# unchanged; spareribs 3# down steady to 50¢ lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Production of most meats was of smaller volume as Easter drew near. Buying in some areas was geared largely to specialties such as ham and lamb. Also to some extent beef loins, rounds, and ribs. In the Los Angeles sector, however, there was a good demand for most classes except cow beef and fresh pork. The latter items were in ample to liberal supply for a slow trade as warm weather had some adverse effect on fresh pork movement.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef firm to 50¢ higher at Los Angeles, but steady otherwise and instances 50¢ lower on 700-800# carcasses at San Francisco; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower; calf fully steady to \$2.00 higher; veal weak to \$2.00 lower at San Francisco and in the Northwest; lamb steady to weak. Spring lamb was offered liberally at San Francisco, moderately at Los Angeles, but in small volume in the Northwest. Fresh pork loins were weak to \$2.00 lower; smoked skinned hams steady; most other pork and lard steady to \$1.00 higher.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

Supplies of carlot meats were somewhat below normal but volume in most cases was fully sufficient for moderate outlet. Prices were generally lower and trading slow. However, the small volume of cow beef fell short of trade requirements at several points and prices advanced. Compared with the previous week's close, steer and heifer beef steady to 50¢ lower with some Good steer beef along with all grades of heifer carcasses \$1.00 lower. Cow beef closed steady to 50¢ higher at most points and \$1.00-1.50 up at Chicago. Price trends on old crop lamb were generally steady to 50¢ lower except mostly \$1.00 off at New York. A load of Prime 35-50# spring lamb carcasses brought \$46.75 at Denver and several carloads same weights and grades \$48.00 at Chicago. Pork loins sold \$1.00-3.50 lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	--	55.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	48.00	49.15	45.94	47.12	45.00	47.00	45.00	46.75
	700-800	47.75	48.25	44.75	46.31	43.50	45.75	43.25	45.00
Good	500-600	44.25	45.90	43.50	43.69	44.00	45.50	43.19	44.62
	600-700	44.75	46.30	43.50	43.69	43.00	45.00	41.75	42.12
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.94	--	44.00	--	44.94	--
	600-700	--	--	44.94	--	42.50	--	43.44	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.75	--	--	--	42.38	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	61.60	62.30	56.50	58.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.20	54.30	51.38	52.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.40	49.30	46.88	48.00	54.00	56.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	50.00	46.00	46.50	45.50	46.50*	--	42.00	44.50*
Choice	45-55	46.00	44.70	46.50	44.50	46.50*	45.00*	42.00	44.50*
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	42.95	43.90	39.31	40.90	47.00	46.25	44.38	44.00
Butts	4-8	37.15	34.70	34.00	31.25	38.50	37.88	37.00	35.38
Spareribs	3# down	42.80	43.10	39.75	39.12	46.00	46.75	42.62	43.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	46.00	49.00	51.50	49.00	50.50	49.75	50.00	48.12
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		38.50	46.00	50.50	52.00	49.00	52.50	50.75	52.75
Picnics, smoked -(Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.50	31.50	34.50	34.00	32.00	33.75	32.62	34.12
Lard, 1# carton		12.75	13.00	13.50	13.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.28

*Spring lamb

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED APRIL 8, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	44.00-45.00	43.00-43.50	43.00-43.25	46.00-46.50	46.00-47.00
	700-800	43.50-44.00	42.50-43.00	42.50-42.75	45.50-46.00	45.50-46.50
	800-900	43.00-43.50	42.00-42.50	42.00-42.50	45.00-45.50	44.50-45.00
Good	500-600	42.00-42.50	--	--	43.00-44.50	--
	600-700	42.00-42.50	41.00-42.00	40.50-41.25	42.00-43.50	42.50-44.00
	700-800	41.50-42.00	38.00-41.00	39.75-40.50	42.50-43.50	42.00-44.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	43.00-43.50	42.60-43.50	42.25-42.50	--	--
	600-700	43.00-43.50	41.25-42.50	42.00-42.50	--	44.50-46.00
Good	500-600	40.00-40.50	--	39.00-39.50	--	--
	600-700	40.00-40.50	--	39.00-39.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		31.50-32.00	33.00-33.50	30.50-31.00	--	31.50-33.00
Canner and Cutter		31.50-32.00	--	30.50-31.00	--	32.00-32.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	43.75	--	--	47.00-48.00
	45-55	--	41.75-43.00	--	--	45.00-46.00
	55-65	--	39.00-39.75	--	--	43.00-44.50
Choice	35-45	45.00-46.00	43.75	43.75-45.25	46.50-48.00	47.00-48.00
	45-55	43.00-44.00	41.75-43.00	42.25-43.25	44.00-46.00	45.00-46.00
	55-65	40.00-41.00	39.00-39.75	40.25-40.75	42.00-43.50	43.00-44.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	37.00-38.00	--	36.50-37.50	39.00-40.50	38.00-39.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Sales volume of greasy domestic worsted wools expanded somewhat in the Boston market as approximately six cars were sold. Demand continued good for medium fleece wools at firm to slightly higher prices while fine grades continued slow and about steady. A fairly substantial volume of mostly scoured pulled wools sold for woolen purposes at slightly higher levels while there was a slight increase in activity in noils at steady prices. More favorable weather in the domestic primary areas increased sales actively in the fleece wool States as well as in the territories and Texas.

Cabled reports from Australia at mid-week indicated a poor selection of wools offered but prices were firm with Japan, the Continent, China and Russia active. At the Napier, New Zealand sale on April 5, 1960, 50/56s and finer held firm while medium and coarse/bred wools were easier, while the April 6, 1960 sale at Napier showed prices uneven under general competition. The South African auctions showed prices on worsted wools firm with woolen wools steady to slightly easier with the United States and the Continent dominating. Prices at South American markets continued firm.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing fleece wools sold at \$1.11-1.12 clean basis while graded 50/56s staple wool brought \$1.06-1.07. Graded 56/58s baby combing fleeces moved at \$1.02. Some country buyers in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri were paying from 45-54¢ grease basis to the growers while up to 53¢ grease basis but mostly around 50¢ was paid in Ohio for medium graded fleece wools and 40-45¢ continued to be paid in Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.18 clean basis. At a sealed bid sale last week in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, original bag bulk 60/62s good French combing and staple wool was estimated to cost clean around \$1.07 delivered Boston while original bag 12 months wool in Roswell, New Mexico, bulk 64/70s good French combing and staple brought \$1.17-1.20 while choice original bag 70s good French combing and staple sold at \$1.20-1.22 clean basis delivered. California grease prices ranged from 40-53¢ f.o.b. with estimated clean prices for fine wool from \$1.10-1.15 and for mixed clips up to \$1.10 delivered East.

Texas Wools - Best original bag 12 months Texas wool was sold at \$1.17-1.20 while average 12 months wool brought \$1.13-1.16 clean basis delivered Boston.

Mohair - Occasional sales of mohair in Texas at \$1.06½ for adult and \$1.41½ for kid hair to the warehouse. A quantity of adult hair alone sold at \$1.01½ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Quotes follow with combing wools converted to clean United States oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia	New Zealand
Oil-combed	Oil-combed
61 - \$1.32	86 - \$1.00
62 - 1.26	93 - .95
63 - 1.18	834 - .93
432 - 1.13	100 - .89
433 - 1.09	107 - .87
434 - 1.04	114 - .86
435 - .95	128 - .84

South Africa	
Oil combed	Scoured Yields
12 - \$1.19	22 - \$1.08
17 - 1.15	27 - 1.06
47 - 1.18	32 - 1.03
48 - 1.17	37 - .98
52 - 1.17	
53 - 1.15	
57 - 1.11	

Montevideo Super Skirted (Clean basis) - 64s - \$1.08; 60/64s - \$1.05; 60s - \$1.00; 58/60s - 98¢; 56/58s - 94¢; 56s - 93¢; 50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - Turnover of spot carpet wools was very dull. New Zealand carpet wools were quoted slightly easier for shipment as follows: Fleeces 84¢; crutchings 80¢ and early shorn 82¢ all clean wool fibers present. Buenos Aires November carpet wools were firm at 85-86¢; March at 82-83¢; fleeces at 85-86¢ and lambs at 83¢ while a scoured Cordoba blend was quoted at 85¢.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 7, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange).

May wool tops	\$1.480
May wool	1.204
July wool tops	1.504
July wool	1.199

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)
FEBRUARY 1960

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats			
	Beef and	Lamb and	Pork	Beef	Pork		
	Veal	Mutton					
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds		
Argentina.	--	--	--	261,775	--		
Australia.	12,519,331	4,151,866	--	--	--		
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--		
Canada	1,034,163	1,420	2,392,137	346	458,975		
Denmark.	--	--	--	--	--		
Germany.	--	--	--	--	20,321		
Holland.	--	--	--	--	18,773		
Ireland.	1,905,756	--	--	--	4,844		
Mexico	4,377,273	--	--	--	--		
New Zealand.	2,981,960	133,510	11,360	--	--		
Paraguay	--	--	--	49,714	--		
Poland	--	--	--	--	--		
Uruguay.	--	--	--	--	--		
All others	3,073,566	--	2,964	12,000	5,874		
Total - February 1960.	25,892,049	4,286,796	2,406,461	323,835	508,787		
February 1959.	26,799,668	1,729,252	5,691,512	11,723,126	782,355		
Refused or condemned:							
February 1960.	15,395	--	277	--	1,251		
February 1959.	57,508	101,882	--	230,068	--		
Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked	Sausage	General	
	Beef	Pork	Misc'l.	beef	(Trichina:	miscel-	Total
				treated:	laneous		
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina.	5,381,609	--	70,200	345,000	--	56,000	6,114,584
Australia.	196,500	--	--	--	--	--	16,867,697
Brazil	229,266	--	--	--	--	3,960	233,226
Canada	20,329	402,975	9,849	--	2,234	247,337	4,569,765
Denmark.	75,064	3,510,271	196,382	--	312,877	--	4,094,594
Germany.	--	273,753	563	--	16,423	--	311,060
Holland.	--	3,285,950	37,131	--	12,387	--	3,354,241
Ireland.	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,910,600
Mexico	620	--	--	--	--	--	4,377,893
New Zealand.	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,126,830
Paraguay	523,679	--	--	--	--	--	573,393
Poland	--	3,684,303	495,192	--	--	--	4,179,495
Uruguay.	192,150	--	--	--	--	12,320	204,470
All others	--	150,171	60,067	--	70,704	7,863	3,383,209
Total - February 1960.	6,619,217	11,307,423	869,384	345,000	414,625	327,480	53,301,057
February 1959.	4,207,002	10,105,648	1,264,372	--	100,035	448,149	62,851,119
Refused or condemned:							
February 1960.	3,976	25,531	922	--	--	--	47,352
February 1959.	1,732	77,915	10,127	--	--	48	479,280

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Prime	Apr. 9, 1960	23.00	22.05	--	23.50*	21.75	21.50	--
	Apr. 11, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Apr. 9, 1960	22.12	21.18	22.70*	23.00*	21.20	21.00	19.75
	Apr. 11, 1959	21.30	20.82	22.50*	22.00*	20.08	18.75	19.06
Good	Apr. 9, 1960	21.38	20.20	20.00	21.85*	20.02	20.12	19.00
	Apr. 11, 1959	20.80	19.90	21.50*	20.75*	19.18	18.00	18.00
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	Apr. 9, 1960	8.25	7.00	6.50	--	6.88**	6.25	7.75
Choice	Apr. 11, 1959	7.75	8.12	7.25	--	9.00	7.25	8.75
Cull and	Apr. 9, 1960	7.00	5.25	5.00	7.50**	4.75**	4.25	6.00
Utility	Apr. 11, 1959	6.75	6.25	5.88	--	6.12	4.75	5.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts. -								
Good and	Apr. 9, 1960	--	21.00	18.50	18.50	19.85	--	16.75
Choice	Apr. 11, 1959	--	19.88	--	17.88	18.75	--	15.50

* Spring lambs. ** Shorn basis.